

**WEST CHICAGO INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM****August 29, 2003****Minutes****ATTENDEES**

Barbara Magel, Counsel for City, County & Forest Preserve  
Donald Feld, Thorium Action Group  
Deborah Smith, DuPage County State's Attorney  
Thomas Williams, Illinois EPA  
Chuck Grigalauski, Illinois EPA  
Richard Allen, IEMA-Division of Nuclear Safety  
Mark Krippel, Kerr-McGee  
Rebecca Frey, U.S. EPA, Superfund  
Mary Fulghum, U.S. EPA, Office of Regional Counsel  
Stuart Hill, U.S. EPA, Office of Public Affairs

**INTRODUCTION**

Becky said Jim Mitchell was not able to attend today because he got called out on a removal response action, but hopefully he will be able to attend the next meeting. Stuart Hill will join the meeting late because he is reviewing information in the information repository in the West Chicago library. Larry Schmitt and Linda Howard were not able to attend due to the Labor Day Holiday. Chuck Grigalauski reported that Chris Grant was not able to attend because he had to file some court documents.

**RESIDENTIAL AREAS SITE****Status Chart**

Becky said that there has been no change to the attached status chart since the last forum meeting. The only properties that have not been sent letters are the three "no access" properties.

**"No Access" Properties**

Becky said that EPA is still working on preparing a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) for the person who owns two of the three remaining "no access" properties. Both properties are held in land trusts and EPA is trying to get confirmation that the person EPA believes to be the beneficial owner is actually the beneficial owner. Since the last forum meeting the trust company has responded to EPA and refuses to divulge the information. Mary Fulghum and Cathy Martwick are discussing the next steps within EPA's Office of Regional Counsel, including discussions with the U.S. Attorney's Office, since that office would have to enforce any UAO that EPA issues. EPA still needs to contact the owner of the third remaining "no access" property.

### **REED-KEPPLER PARK SITE**

Becky said there is no change in the status of the RKP site since the last forum meeting.

### **KRESS CREEK SITE and SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT SITE (River Portion)**

Becky said that since the last forum meeting, Kerr-McGee has been putting in the additional 140 or so additional borings that they agreed to put in to resolve the "red-x issue" (explained at previous forum meeting) in the upstream areas of the site (including as far south as the Warrenville Dam). Mark said that they've had to do some additional step-outs and they should be done within the next week or so.

Kerr-McGee will include all the additional upstream data in the revised Characterization Report when that report is resubmitted. Kerr-McGee also will submit a response to EPA's comments on the draft Characterization Report.

Kerr-McGee also needs to conduct additional characterization work in the downstream areas of the site, between the Warrenville Dam and the McDowell Dam. Mark said that Kerr-McGee would probably move right into this work shortly after they complete the upstream borings. They first need to resolve some technical difficulties with the GPS system and may need to move the base station because they've been losing "lock" with the GPS satellites in the further downstream areas.

Another issue recently resolved is that EPA formally approved Kerr-McGee's *Investigation Work Plan* (including quality assurance procedures) for the Kress Creek site. EPA's approval letter was sent to Kerr-McGee on August 26, 2003. Kerr-McGee had prepared this document for their own internal use during all their voluntary data collection efforts at the site, but it needed to be approved as part of the ongoing negotiations. The approved document covers all past and future data collection efforts at both the Kress Creek and STP sites.

Regarding completing the RI/FS at the sites, Kerr-McGee submitted the first three "interim draft" chapters of the RI report on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Tom Williams just gave Kerr-McGee IEPA's comments on the draft chapters, and Becky will provide Kerr-McGee with EPA's comments before she leaves on her vacation next week.

When Kerr-McGee submitted the first interim draft chapters, Becky gave Kerr-McGee a proposed schedule for submittal of the remaining chapters of the RI and FS reports. The schedule allowed all parties to achieve the goal of getting an approvable RI/FS by December, as discussed at the June meeting in Washington D.C. However, Kerr-McGee has not submitted any additional chapters of the documents since then. Becky said she assumes that this is because Kerr-McGee wants to resolve the two main outstanding issues (EPA's costs and natural resource damage issues) before proceeding much further with the RI/FS. Kerr-McGee has indicated that they will not sign an AOC for the RI/FS until these issues are resolved. Becky said that the ability to reach the December goal for an approvable RI/FS may now be in jeopardy, which

opportunity for this construction season is already close to closing, and if we wait much longer in the season to start, we'll be cutting things close. The original schedule was from early September into November. It's possible to compress the schedule some amount, but there's a limit to it. Restoration becomes difficult late in the season, and asphalt plants usually close by Thanksgiving.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **Update on REF Cleanup**

Mark reported that the retention pond work is done. The sediments that had accumulated in the pond over the years have been removed and the clay liner that was installed in 1994 has been removed. The area has been verified and Kerr-McGee has put in all the structural backfill that was available from on-site excavations. Next week Kerr-McGee will start a 3-week campaign of backfilling with imported fill. The area will then become a storm water detention area for storm water management per the final grading plan for the site.

The PSF plant continues to run well. In the not-to-distant future Kerr-McGee will be back in the excavation mode to remove the remaining contamination between Pond 1 and Pond 2 – that's all that's left to excavate.

So far, 347 railcars have been shipped this year, bringing the project total to 12,286 railcars. Tonnage shipped is 35,860 tons this year for a project total of 1,263,842 tons.

Kerr-McGee has feed almost 70,000 tons of feed material into the PSF this year and have recovered just over 31,000 tons. They had been recovering about 55%, but now they're getting about 45% because the material right now has more fines in it than previous material. For the year Kerr-McGee is averaging about 49% recovery. For the project to date, they've recovered a little over 309,000 tons of backfill from the PSF, which saves a lot of trucks going through the neighborhood.

Overall, Kerr-McGee is on target. They may be running a little bit later into the season than they had envisioned. Wind-down mode will be sometime around November.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the West Chicago Intergovernmental Forum is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2003, in West Chicago City Council Chambers, West Chicago.

## Kerr-McGee Residential Areas Site Status

August 29, 2003

Inside or Outside City	Clean Properties Identified	Contam. Properties Identified	Properties Cleaned Up										Properties w/ Cleanup in Progress	Properties Awaiting Cleanup
			1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	TOT		
Outside	203	121	39	40	3	1	15	11	7	4		120	0	1
Inside	1292	555	5	54	126	115	99	84	64	3		550	1*	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1495</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>670</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>5</b>

Total # Letters Sent So Far = 2171

Total # Properties in Study Area = 2174

Percent of Total Letters Done = 99.9 %

\* Cleanup at this property currently on hold.

Volume of Contamination Removed (yd <sup>3</sup> ) *									
Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Total Vol. for Year</b>	12,452.3	36,086.3	16,047.4	21,969.0	8,134.0	9,455.5	5,515.5	967.5	
<b>Cumulative Total Vol.</b>	12,452.3	48,538.6	64,586.0	86,555.0	94,689.0	104,144.5	109,660.0	110,627.5	

\* Volume in this table is in terms of "loose cubic yards" which represents the amount of "loose" soil estimated to be in the trucks shipped to the REF.

# **West Chicago Intergovernmental Forum Agenda**

**West Chicago City Council Chambers  
August 29, 2003  
10:00 am**

Introductions/ Review of Agenda	Forum
Status of Residential Areas Site	R. Frey
Status of RKP Site	R. Frey
Status of Kress Creek Site & STP Site - River Portion	R. Frey
Status of STP Site - Upland Portion	J. Mitchell/ M. Fulghum
Other Agenda Items	
◇ Update on REF Cleanup	M. Krippel

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(Chris Grant not present)